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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" In view of the fact that nearly half the money is to be made up, may I know whether it is the intention of the Government not to carry out this programme within the next five years, or whether they have made any suggestions to the local board, or whether the matter is under correspondence and if so will the hon. the Minister be pleased to place that on the table of the House ? "

The hon. the President :—" It is an excessively long question and so it is not admissible."

Registration

Acting clerks in the Registration department in West Godavari district.

*825-A Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many acting clerks there are in the Registration department, West Godavari district, and to what communities they belong ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the only Brahman acting clerk in the Registration department, West Godavari district, was ousted on communal grounds ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that he had to his credit long acting service and good work and conduct ?

A.—Information has been called for.

Additional establishment for sub-registry offices in West Godavari.

*825-B Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are contemplating the establishment of any additional sub-registrar's offices in West Godavari district ; and

(b) if so, where they are proposed to be located ?

A.—(a) & (b) No.

Corporation of Madras

Timber tax collected by the Corporation of Madras during 1921—1927.

*826 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the amount collected as timber tax by the Corporation of Madras during each of the years 1921 to 1927 ;

(b) what is the amount of rebate given on timber alleged to have been exported from the city of Madras during each of the years 1921 to 1927 ;

(c) whether there was any irregularity in the payment of this rebate, or defalcation in the timber accounts of the Corporation ; and

(d) what action the Government propose to prevent a repetition of those irregularities ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] is annexed.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to the report of the Timber Defalcations Enquiry Committee appointed by the Madras Corporation in 1925 for an answer to this question ;

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 527 infra.